

Editor's Notebook

The construct of maritime dominance contains many elements, and it includes much more than situational awareness of the world's seaports and oceans. Beginning on page 6, Vice Adm. Harvey E. Johnson Jr., Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Vice Adm. John Morgan, Cmdr. "Bud" Wimmer and Adm. Walter F. Doran, explore the many facets of maritime dominance and how the services and Department of Homeland Security are united in building maritime domain awareness across the globe.

The *CHIPS* assistant editor, Nancy Reasor, and I had a fascinating visit to the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) and Tactical Training Group Atlantic (TACTRAGRULANT) for the Joint and Combined Multi-Battle Group Inport Exercise (MBGIE) in February. United Kingdom and U.S. joint forces replicated a composite warfighting scenario achieving an unprecedented dimension in virtual wargaming.

Thanks to the crew of the USS Kearsarge, Commander, U.S. Second Fleet and Capt. Mark Nesselrode, commanding officer of TACTRAGRULANT, and his staff for the opportunity to witness the strides the Navy is making in Strike Group training. Go to page 26 to read about MBGIE 2005.

Oh, to be 17 again – just like the Department of the Navy Information Technology (DON IT) Umbrella Program! This historic program has been bringing substantial cost avoidance savings for Navy and Department of Defense (DoD) customers for 17 years.

With our nation fighting a global war on terror, now more than ever, it is vital to save valuable resources to support the Department's warfighting mission. Go to page 24 for more information or visit online at <http://www.it-umbrella.navy.mil/>.

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Atlantic Ocean (March 26, 2005) – Sailors assigned to the Deck Department aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), watch as a Landing Craft, Air Cushioned, assigned to Assault Landing Craft Unit Four (ACU-4), enters the well deck carrying vehicles from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). The 26th MEU is departing Camp Lejeune, N.C., for a regularly scheduled deployment in support of the global war on terrorism. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Roman Yurek.



Norfolk, Va. (March 25, 2005) – Sailors aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) man the rails as the ship departs in support of the global war on terrorism. U.S. Navy photo by PHA Sarah E. Ard.



Several of the business warriors of the DON IT Umbrella Program (l to r) – Barbara Johnson, DON IT Umbrella Program Manager, Peggy Harpe and Margie Smith, assisting Umbrella customers at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) corporate exhibit for the AFCEA West conference in San Diego, Calif., February 2005. Go to <http://www.it-umbrella.navy.mil/> for more information about the Umbrella Program.

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